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## NAVY OFFICER TAKES HIS LIFE

**Lieutenant Commander Warburton of the Battleship Maine Sends Bullet Through His Own Brain.**

**No Cause Assigned for Act That Brings to End a Promising Career.**

**SHOT FIRED IN HIS CABIN**

**Executive Officer on Deck Narrowly Escapes Bullet as It Passes Through Door and Strikes Rail Near Him.**

Pensacola, Fla., April 1.—Lieutenant Commander Edgar Townsend Warburton, chief engineer of the battleship Maine, now in this harbor, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver in his cabin on board the vessel today.

The executive officer of the ship was passing the door of Commander Warburton's cabin, when he was startled by the report of a revolver within. The bullet after passing through the commander's brain came through the door and struck the rail of the ship, barely missing the executive officer. The latter notified the other officers and the door of the commander's cabin was forced open. Warburton was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood. No cause is known for the suicide. Commander Warburton appeared to be in the best of health and spirits.

### PASS SUNDRY CIVIL BILL.

**House Disagrees Regarding Nearly Every Amendment on Bill.**

Washington, April 1.—The house today passed the sundry civil appropriation bill, after voting down the proposition by Sulzer to recommit with instructions to strike out the appropriation of \$136,000 for the rent of the New York custom house.

The remainder of the day was devoted to a discussion of the conference report on the army appropriation bill. With the exception of one amendment, providing certain increases in the signal corps, the house disagreed to all other important senate amend-

ments and the bill was sent back to conference.

The proposition to consolidate the office of the adjutant-general with that of the record and pension division and make Brigadier-General Ainsworth chief of the latter division, military secretary with the rank of major-general and put him in charge, and the amendment to allow officers that served in the Civil war who retire or already have retired, to retire at the next higher grade, were debated at length and met with strong opposition.

### Vote May Be Deferred.

Washington, April 1.—The Post will say tomorrow: "An agreement has been reached whereby the resolution to impeach Judge Swayne of the Northern district of Florida will be called up for consideration in the house next Thursday. An attempt will be made by some republican leaders to have the matter recommitted, thus avoiding at this session a vote. They claim a justification of this course has been found in the alleged fact that testimony, as published by the committee, is not complete."

### Awful Hardships Experienced.

Seattle, April 1.—By way of Shanghai the Post-Intelligencer has received an exhaustive description of the difficulties encountered by Colonel Young-husband's British column in its advance on the Thibet capital. It is written by Henry Newman who accompanies the column and is dated at Camp New Chumbi, February 4. He tells graphically of the horrors of the march through the awful cold, and dilates upon the heroism of the native Indian troops which make up the little army.

### Platt and Odell Confer.

New York, April 1.—Governor Odell and Senator Platt were in conference for two hours this afternoon, the time being devoted largely to the selection of officers of the republican state convention to be held here April 12. Governor Odell said that the chairman of the state convention and delegates from New York to the national convention had been agreed upon, but that the names would not be made public for the present.

### Japan's Future Navy.

Berlin, March 31.—That Japan is already planning a rapid renewal of her fleet as soon as the conflict of Russia is ended is inferred from a journey made by a Japanese naval attaché, Count Takikawa, and a number of higher Japanese officers to the Stettin ship yards today. They made a careful inspection of the yards, noting the capacity of the various craft building, particularly torpedo boats.

## AMERICAN EMBASSY IN RUSSIA WORKING FOR INTERESTS OF THE JAPANESE

**Ambassador McCormick Arranges to Transport Refugees to Native Country, and His Plans Meet With Favorable Response.**

**Enjoys Close Relationship With Foreign Minister Lamsdorff Which Renders His Work Easy of Accomplishment—Six Hundred Japanese Are on Island and They Will Be Sent Home in Neutral Ship, Via Coast of Siberia.**

St. Petersburg, April 1.—The American embassy is energetically looking after Japanese interest. Ambassador McCormick's excellent personal relations with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and other ministers has served to prevent the slightest friction. His latest representations, regarding the transportation home of 600 Japanese refugees on the island of Sakhatien, has met with favorable response and the refugees will probably be brought to the Siberian coast and thence dispatched by a neutral ship to Japan.

### DETAILED LIST OF TROOPS.

**Bulk of Russian Force Centralized Opposite Corea.**

Paris, April 1.—The Figaro's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows:

"A detailed list of the Russian troops in the far east was semi-officially communicated to me today.

"March 28, according to the general staff at Harbin, there were in Manchuria 170,000 infantry, 17,000 cavalry and 256 cannon, and of these, 20,000 infantry, 5000 cavalry and 32 cannon have been detailed to guard the railway.

"Although the bulk of the troops is concentrated opposite Corea, the strategic front extends 1600 kilometers from Vladivostock to Niu Chwang on the left bank of the Liao river.

"By June 28, 130,000 more infantry, 30,000 cavalry and 250 cannon will have been sent out.

"It is estimated that the Japanese troops landed do not exceed 80,000 and

that 100,000 are waiting until the commissariat is assured before being transported, as it is impossible to feed them in Corea."

### Sink Japanese Steamer.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—A semi-official dispatch from Port Arthur bearing today's date says:

"Our entire squadron left the harbor March 28, making for the Mianetas islands. At 11 o'clock the cruiser Novik sighted a steamer towing a Chinese junk. She would not stop until the torpedo boat Vrimentny fired two shots. It was the Japanese steamer Ranien Maru, on board of which were found 10 Japanese and seven Chinese, various papers, telegrams and maps and two whitehead torpedoes. The crew were taken on board our ships, after which the vessel was taken in tow and subsequently sunk."

### Things Serious Looked For.

London, April 1.—There is no confirmation of any kind of the report cabled from Tokio to the News Agency that a fresh attack has been made by Japan upon Port Arthur. Some surprise is expressed here over the rapid development of the Japanese advance in Corea as indicated by the seizure of the Yong Chunk, and, although little is known of this movement, it is supposed that the right flank of the Japanese army is making a simultaneous advance, and permission being granted to newspaper correspondents at Tokio to start for the front is regarded as foreshadowing serious operations.

### ARMED POSSE IN PURSUIT.

**Officers Satisfied With the Outlook and Expect to Capture Bandits,**

Reading, April 1.—Early today Sheriff Richardson and a posse, which now amounts to 50 men, was taken the point where the Copley train robbers disappeared, by the engineer of the train. It is thought that if the bandits are captured a lynching will occur.

The officers seem satisfied tonight with the outlook in connection with the pursuit of the Copley train robbers. One officer more communicative than his fellows said three of the Copley train robbers were tracked this morning from a point near Keswick station, where they left the locomotive, across the Sacramento river and back on to the railroad track where the footprints were lost. If the officers are not mistaken and the men are really traveling on foot it would indicate that they reside nearby.

### SHIPPERS PREFER CHARGES.

**Endeavor to Put Chicago Car Service Out of Business.**

Chicago, April 1.—Eight specific charges, each one pointed out as a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law are brought against 26 leading railroads running into Chicago in a bill prepared for the Chicago Coal Shippers Association to be filed in the United States circuit court. The action is the attempt by the coal men to put Chicago Car Service Association out of business on the ground that it is an illegal combination of railroads.

### ATTRACTS LITTLE ATTENTION

**Recent Victory of British in Tibet Overshadowed by War.**

St. Petersburg, April 1.—Although no official expression regarding the victory of the British expedition to Tibet is obtainable tonight, it is certain the matter will not attract the attention it

would have done before the outbreak of war with Japan. The real purposes of the expedition were then viewed with grave suspicion, lest it be a severe blow to Russian prestige both in Tibet and China.

The situation is now changed, both because Russia's hands are at present too full to leave here free to act, and secondly, because there are now increasing indications that better relations between Great Britain and Russia are in sight.

### BUSINESS DISTRICT BURNS.

**Bad Fire in Montreal Yesterday Causes Heavy Losses.**

Montreal, April 1.—Fire caused a heavy loss early today in the central business districts of the city where the board of trade and many other large buildings are situated. The fire started in the building occupied by Wauben and Jewel Company, South Helen street, and quickly spread to adjoining buildings, several of which were in flames at 3:30 o'clock. The board of trade building is not threatened, but the damage already done will be heavy.

At 4:30 o'clock the fire was brought under control. One block of eight business houses was destroyed and adjoining property damaged. No estimate of the loss is yet obtainable.

### ACTIVITY IN STOCKS.

**Turns on Results Following Dissolution of Railroad Merger.**

New York, April 1.—Speculative activity in stocks has turned on the results that follow the dissolution of the Northern securities merger. Conjectures have pointed to a probable renewal of old projects looking to further community of interest in the railroad world, especially in the transcontinental field. Manifest accumulation of Union Pacific on a large scale is

the most substantial basis for a flood of rumors.

Money has ruled very easy, railroad traffic is reported rather better, cheerful conditions existing in the coal trade, the copper market is active and improvement is reported in the iron trades, with some doubts professed, however, of the maintenance of the United States steel dividend rate. The latter will be fixed on Tuesday next.

### RUSSIANS TO RECRUIT MONGOLS

**Report Comes That Arsenal Has Been Seized by Troops.**

New York, April 1.—General Tseng Chi, commanding the Chinese troops in Manchuria, has notified the government, says a World dispatch from Peking, that the Russians, having seized the arsenal at Kirin, between Harbin and Mukden, are using it to manufacture ammunition, which they are turning out ceaselessly.

General Tseng asserts that the Russian government intends to raise a body of 50,000 troops of Mongol troops to aid the Russian soldiers patrolling the Manchurian railway.

### GIRL KILLED AT RACES.

**Great Run by Autos Marred by Distressing Accident.**

New York, April 1.—Two world's automobile records have been broken, according to a dispatch from Nice. M. Rigolly, driving a 100 horsepower car, built for the international cup race, covered a mile, standing start, in 53 3-5 seconds. In the kilometer (3280 feet) race for the Rothchild's cup, with a flying start, Rigolly covered the distance in 24 3-4 seconds.

After the races a girl was run down and killed by an automobile.

### Operators Offer Rate.

Altoona, Pa., March 31.—Central Pennsylvania coal operators, who have stubbornly insisted on their demand for a 55 cent ton mining rate, this afternoon in a joint scale committee offered the miners a 53.82 cent rate, with proportionate reductions of other mine labor. The operators' proposition will be laid before the miners' convention tomorrow, but it is not likely to be accepted.

### Miners and Operators Agree.

Altoona, Pa., April 1.—The coal operators and miners tonight agreed upon a scale of wages to be paid in the central Pennsylvania fields for one year beginning today. The basis of the settlement is a reduction of 6.08 per cent, from last year's rate of 66 cents a gross ton.

## HONOR DONE RETURNING HEROES

**Survivors of Gunboat Korieta and Cruiser Variag Reach Odessa, Where They Are Welcomed.**

**Fleet of Steamers and Yachts Meet the Transport and Escort Vessel Into Port.**

**THOUSANDS LINE PAVEMENTS**

**Brush Aside Police and Guard of Honor and Carry Sailors' on Their Shoulders—City Wild With Enthusiasm.**

Odessa, April 1.—Expressing the feeling of the whole Russian nation, Odessa today enthusiastically received the survivors of the gunboat Korieta and cruiser Variag. Russian steamer Malaya, with survivors on board was sighted on the horizon this afternoon, a fleet of steamers and yachts, loaded with cheering passengers and bands playing national airs, put out to greet the returning sailors.

A parade was formed and the survivors were surrounded by a guard of honor and the march was taken up to the city. The streets were decorated with flags and bunting and there were arches inscribed, "To the heroes of Chemulpo."

Immense crowds thronged the pavement, and enthusiasm reached such a pitch that the people brushed aside the police and cadets and the guard of honor and raised some of the survivors on their shoulders while other were seized and kissed. The mayor has announced that he has received from the residents of Odessa and other sections of Russia, money for distribution to the survivors.

### Calvin Begins His Duties.

Portland, Ore., April 1.—E. E. Calvin, general-manager of the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific railways, entered upon the discharge of his duties today. No changes in the operating force were made and Calvin stated he intended to make none at the present time.

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